



Prescribed Fire at Joshua Lindahl Hill Prairie,
Milan Illinois

“FIRE IN THE HILLS!”

A Workshop on Prescribed Fire in Midwestern Hill Prairies

November 5th & 6th, 2010
Knights of Pythias Hall
409 East 2nd Avenue
Milan, Illinois 61264

General Information

This conference is hosted by the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Quad Cities Natural Area Guardians, and the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, with support from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It is open to all natural resource professionals, agency staff, volunteers, community members, land owners, and anyone else with an interest in Hill Prairies and prescribed fire as a natural resource management tool. All though this workshop will focus on prescribed fire in hill prairies, topics are applicable to many Midwestern grassland ecosystems.

Featured Topics

Fuel Loading, Man-Made Fire, Grassland Snakes/Spiders, Fire Weather, Illinois Prescribed Fire Manager Program, Funding, Prescribed Fire and the Incident Command System.

Field Trip

Special tour of the Joshua Lindahl Hill Prairie, an Illinois Nature Preserve site owned by Augustana College!

Training Opportunity (optional)

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130)

Prescribed Fire Field Demonstration*

A prescribed fire of the Joshua Lindahl Hill Prairie will be demonstrated.

*In case of inclement weather, alternate agenda will include interactive sand table exercises, prescribed fire procedure videos, and open discussion of prescribed fire techniques and experiences.

This workshop is made possible through funding from the The Hill Prairie Project State Wildlife Grant, of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

For information Contact: Marilyn Andress, RICO Soil and Water Conservation District, 309/292-0690
Registration form available at: www.qcnags.org

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AGENDA

Friday, November 5th

7:45 – 8:00 ***Registration***

8:00 – Noon ***NWCG Annual Fireline Safety Refresher, RT-130, (optional)***
Erik Aker, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge

Noon - 1:00 ***Lunch (on your own)***

12:00 – 1:00 ***Registration***

1:00 - 1:30 ***Welcome and Opening Remarks "Why are Hill Prairies Special"***
Angella Moorehouse, Illinois Nature Preserve Commission

1:30 – 2:45 ***Field Trip to Lindahl Hill Prairie***
Dr. Bohdan Dziadyk, Director of Augustana College Field Stations

3:10 – 3:50 ***Fuel Loading Assessment***
Matt Schramm, Resource Conservationist, Rock Island County SWCD

3:55 – 4:25 ***Illinois Prescribed Fire Manager Program Update***
Angella Moorehouse, Illinois Nature Preserve Commission

4:30 – 5:10 ***Spiders on the Prairie: Ecological Role of Spiders in Grassland Communities***
Dr. Ken Cramer, Monmouth College

5:15 – 6:00 ***Buffet Dinner***

6:00 – 6:40 ***Oh My Blazes the World's on Fire! – Natural and Anthropogenic Fire through the Ages***
Amber Andress, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

6:45 – 7:25 ***Snakes of Prairie/Woodland Habitats***
Brian Bielema,

7:30 – 8:00 ***Agency Funding Opportunities in Illinois and Iowa***
Summary of the Hill Prairie Project – Diane Tecic, Illinois Natural Heritage, Regional Administrator, IDNR
"Partners for Fish and Wildlife" Program – Jon Duyvejonck, Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Saturday, November 6th RX Fire Field Demo – Lindahl Hill Prairie

8:00 – 8:15 ***Breakfast Social***
(Coffee, Juice, and Rolls provided)

8:15 – 8:45 ***Applications of the Incident Command System in Prescribed Fire***
Dave Murcia, Director, Wapsi River Environmental Education Center

8:45 – 9:15 ***Assessing Fire Weather***
Matt Schramm, Resource Conservationist, Rock Island County SWCD

9:15 ***Leave for RXFire Field Exercise at Lindahl Hill Prairie****

10:00 ***Pre Burn Briefing / Ignition***

12:00 ***Post Burn Assessment and Sack Lunch***

*Alternative agenda for the Saturday field exercise in case of inclement weather will include interactive sand table exercises, prescribed fire procedure videos, and open discussion of prescribed fire techniques and experiences.

REGISTRATION FORM

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AGENCY/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE ZIP _____ PHONE/CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Registering for:

\$15 _____ Conference Registration

\$ 5 _____ NWCG Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130)_

\$ 5 _____ Saturday Lunch (for those participating in Sat. workshops. Conference Registration Required)

NC _____ Students/ Members of QC Natural Area Guardians, Fri./Sat. Conference Workshops
Check Attending: _____RT-130 _____ Friday Workshops _____Saturday Field Exercise

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

_____ Table Request for agencies wishing to set up a display (one table will be provided, no charge)

Send Registration to:

Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District

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